

Bossier Parish Community College Master Syllabus

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| Course Prefix and Number: | ENGL 202 | Credit Hours: 3 |
| Course Title: | Major American Writers | |
| Course Prerequisites: | ENGL 102, grade of “C” or better | |
| Textbook(s): | McMichael. <u>Concise Anthology of American Literature</u> | |
| Course Description: | A study of works by significant writers in American literature. | |

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of this course, the student will

- A. recognize the historical background of the literary works read;
- B. apply common terms associated with literature;
- C. identify common authors, titles, and themes in American literature; and
- D. write a research paper which includes secondary sources and demonstrates a knowledge of MLA form.

To achieve the learning outcomes, the student will

(The letter designations at the end of each statement refer to the learning outcome(s).)

- 1. see literary works as a reflection of our national consciousness (A and C).
- 2. examine the lives and influences of major American authors (A and C).
- 3. consider works as integrated wholes and as expressions of limited points of view (A, B, C, and D).
- 4. analyze the major themes and literary styles in American literature (B and C).
- 5. explore major literary philosophies and American historical events from colonialism to modernism (A, C, and D).

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| Course Requirements: | Students will successfully complete teacher-made tests, a research paper, and other required writings. |
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| Course Grading Scale: | The following scale will be used on all required work: |
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| 90 – 100 | A |
| 80 – 89 | B |
| 70 – 79 | C |
| 60 – 69 | D |
| 0 – 59 | F |